

Page 34, line 27, change "clearinghouse, as indicated by a block 2412" to --2414--;  
 line 27, change "clearinghouse 2412" to --clearinghouse 2414--; and  
 Page 35, lines 4, 8, and 13, change "2412" to --2414--.

### IN THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1 and 19 are amended as indicated in red.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for generating a redemption value for a redemptionable item based on the purchase of [a] one or more discount triggering [item] items during an initial purchase transaction, comprising the steps of:

discriminating the discount triggering items from non-discount triggering items in a purchase of multiple items during the initial purchase transaction, each of the discount triggering items having a unique code associated therewith and an associated discount value;

grouping the discount triggering items in bundles, each bundle comprised of all of the ones of the discount triggering items having the same unique code such that there is provided a bundle for each of the unique codes being present in the purchase of the multiple items and wherein each bundle has an associated bundle total;

summing the bundle totals to provide a single redemption value for the redemptionable item, wherein the single redemption value represents a discount that can be applied to a purchase transaction wherein the redemption item comprises at least a portion of the purchase transaction; and

issuing redemption information at the completion of the initial purchase transaction having contained therein each bundle associated with its unique code and the associated bundle total and redemption value.

2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of grouping the discount triggering items in bundles is performed at the end of [a] the initial purchase transaction, which transaction comprises the receipt of all of the multiple items purchased by a purchaser.

3. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of grouping further comprises the step of filtering in accordance with predetermined criteria, which of the discount triggering items are to be included in [a] the bundle.

4. (Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein the step of filtering in accordance with the predetermined criteria comprises filtering the discount triggering items such that if the quantity of discount triggering items purchased is less than a predetermined minimum quantity for each of the unique codes, [a] the bundle is not created.

5. (Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein the step of filtering in accordance with the predetermined criteria comprises limiting the number of discount triggering items [that can be contained] in any one of the bundles to a maximum number.

17. (Amended) The method of Claim 15, wherein the unique codes [may be] are input manually.

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19. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, and further comprising the step printing the redemption information on a paper slip with a digitally encoded region disposed thereon which contains information regarding the information contained within the paper slip, which digitally encoded information [can be] is optically retrieved at a later time.

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23. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, and further comprising the step of purchasing the redemptionable item in a later purchase transaction by presenting a paper comprising the redemption information.

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25. (Amended) A system for generating a redemption value for a redemptionable item based on the purchase of [a] one or more discount triggering [item] items during an initial purchase transaction, comprising:

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[a] discriminating means for discriminating discount triggering items from non-discount triggering items in a purchase of multiple items during the initial purchase transaction, each of the discount triggering items having a unique code associated therewith and an associated discount value;

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[a] grouping means for grouping the discount triggering items in bundles, each bundle comprised of all of the ones of the discount triggering items having the same unique code such that there is provided a bundle for each of the unique codes being present in the purchase of the multiple items and wherein each bundle has an associated bundle total;

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[a] summing means for summing the bundle totals to provide a single redemption value for the redemptionable items, wherein the single redemption value represents a discount that can be applied to a purchase transaction wherein the redemption item comprises at least a portion of the purchase transaction; and

[an] output means for issuing redemption information at the completion of the initial purchase transaction having contained therein each bundle with its unique code and the associated bundle total and redemption value.

26. (Amended) The system of Claim 25, wherein the bundles are created at the end of [a] the initial purchase transaction, which initial purchase transaction comprises the receipt of all of the multiple items purchased by a purchaser.

As 27. (Amended) The system of Claim 25, wherein the grouping means further comprises a filtering means for filtering in accordance with predetermined criteria, which of the discount triggering items are to be included in [a] the bundle. G

28. (Amended) The system of Claim 27, wherein [a] the bundle is created only if the quantity of discount triggering items purchased is equal to or greater than a predetermined minimum quantity for each of the unique codes.

29. (Amended) The system of Claim 27, wherein the number of discount triggering items [that can be contained] in any one of the bundles is limited to maximum number.

As 39. (Amended) The system of Claim 37, wherein the unique codes [may be] are input manually.